licensing units and those exporting under the REP system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The import content of the products exported by Export Oriented Units, FIZ units or units operating under the Advance licensing and Replenishment Scheme may happen to be the same in some cases, but importability of the inputs may differ. Proper comparison cannot be made between the units operating in the DTA *vis-a-vis* 100 per cent Export Oriented & FIZ Units because they operate under entirely different conditions. 100 per cent EOUs and Units in FIZs are required to achieve a minimum value addition of 20 per cent taking FOB value of exports as the denominator. On the other hand advance licences are generally granted subject to a minimum value addition of 33 per *cent on* CIF value of imports or higher value addition as prescribed in the Import Policy for certain export products.

Abolition of scavenging

1165. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme has been chalked out for abolition of scavenging within one year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the number of families engaged in scavenging in the country?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Liberation of Scavengers for conversion of dry latrines into water pour flush latrines and rehabilitation of the liberated scavengers. the following amounts have been released to the State Governments since 1980-81:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount released
1980-81	63.00
1981-82	131.12
1982-83	251.90
1983-84	303.75
1984-85	403.34
1985-86	509.48
1986-87	800.66
1987-88	889.41
1988-89	944.88
1989-90	1000 00
1990-91	2805.37
1991-92	Budget Provision is Rs. 50 corores .

It is proposed to eliminate the carrying of night-spil by scavengers by 1995.

(c) According to the report of the Task Force on the Liberation of Scavengers set up by the Planning Commission, the number of scavengers was estimated to be about 4 lakhs in the country in 1989.

Country in which next festival of India to be organised

1166. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: KUMARI ALIA:

WiU the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the aim of the country in which the next 'Festival of India' is likely to be organised and the period during which the same will be organised;

(b) what will be the object thereof; and